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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Attorney Docket No.: 2267.502US03

Michael W. Johnson et al. Confirmation No.: 3599

Application No.: 10/679,940

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For: BEADLESS WELDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from February 31, 2004 to March 31, 2004) within which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated December 31, 2003 is requested. A check in the amount of $110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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